

REMARKS

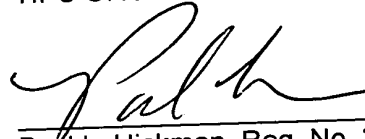
Applicant thanks the Examiner for the careful review of this application. Claims 1-9 are amended to clarify aspects of the claimed embodiments. Claims 1-9 are currently pending in this application.

CONCLUSION

Applicant believes that all pending claims are allowable and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. The amendment was made to expedite the prosecution of this application.

If the Examiner believes that a conference would be of value in expediting the prosecution of this application, he is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned counsel at the number set out below.

Respectfully submitted,
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